

Claim Amendments

1 (currently amended). A flat tile of a flexible, resilient material having a body portion in the shape of a parallelogram and tabs extending outwardly from each of said sides, said body portion being adapted to substantially fill a parallelogram-shaped opening in a strand mesh, said opening being formed by two intersecting pairs of substantially parallel strands, ~~and~~ said tabs each being adapted to fit between one of said pairs of substantially parallel strands, said body having a length of from 1 to 2-3/8 inches on each side, and said tab portions extending from about 1/4 to 3/4 inch from each side of the body portion.

2 (original). The flat tile of claim 1 which is deformable under finger pressure.

3 (original). The flat tile of claim 2, wherein the flexible, resilient material is a polymer sheet material, or paper or cardboard that is coated with wax or a polymer layer.

4 (original). The flat tile of claim 3, wherein said opening is roughly in the shape of a rough square, and the body of said tile is roughly in the shape of a square.

5 (original). The flat tile of claim 3, wherein the body is roughly in the shape of a square from about 1.5-1.7 inches on a side, and said tabs each extend outwardly from said body from about 0.5 to about 0.75 inch.

6-7 (canceled).

8 (currently amended). The flat tile of claim ~~7~~ 1 which is formed of a polymer sheet material of 0.005 to 0.075 inches in thickness.

9 (currently amended). A method of modifying a strand mesh having a plurality of openings each being formed by two intersecting pairs of substantially parallel strands, comprising inserting flat tiles of claim 1 into at least a portion of ~~each~~ the openings, such that the body portions of the tiles substantially fill the openings and the tiles are held in place in the opening by engagement of said tab portions with the strands.

10 (original). The method of claim 9 wherein the mesh is a chain link fence.

11 (original). The method of claim 10 wherein said openings are roughly square, and said body portion of the tiles are roughly square in shape.

12 (original). The method of claim 11 wherein said tiles are made from a flexible, resilient material.

13 (original). The method of claim 12, wherein a plurality of tiles are arranged in openings in the strand mesh to form a pattern, design or symbol.

14 (currently amended). A strand mesh having a plurality of openings each being formed by two intersecting pairs of substantially parallel strands, where flat tiles are inserted into at least a portion of ~~each~~ the opening in a predetermined pattern, wherein the flat tiles have a body portion in the shape of a parallelogram and tabs extending outwardly from each of said sides, said body portion being adapted to substantially fill said opening, and said tabs each being adapted to fit between one of said pairs of substantially parallel strands and hold the tile in the opening through engagement with at least some of the strands that form the openings, further wherein said body having a length of from 1 to 2-3/8 inches on each side, and said tab portions extending from about 1/4 to 3/4 inch from each side of the body portion.

15 (original). The strand mesh of claim 14 wherein the flat tiles are arranged in a pattern, design or symbol.

16 (original). The strand mesh of claim 14 wherein an object is attached to the strand mesh by at least one tile.